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CALL FOR NOMINEES: 2009 PACERA AWARD SNJPC to Honor Maternal-Child Health Workers in South Jersey

PENNSAUKEN, NJ—The Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative (SNJPC) is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Joseph A. Pacera Award for Service to Maternal and Child Health.

The award will be presented by SNJPC at its Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 22, 2009. In addition to recognizing a person or agency working to make South Jersey a healthier place for pregnant women and small children, the Pacera Award includes:

- a \$1,000 contribution by SNJPC to the recipient's favorite 501(c)3 charity
- a plaque presented at the SNJPC Annual Meeting (April 2008)
- the recipient's name on the Pacera plaque in the SNJPC Pennsauken office

The award is given in memory of former SNJPC Board Member Joseph A. Pacera, "a community advocate and healthcare leader remembered as unflagging, creative, and infinitely devoted to the cause of maternal-child care," says SNJPC Executive Director Judy Donlen.

"Every year we look for someone who is carrying on Joe's work in spirit and in action," says Donlen. "We especially search for people who may not have been acknowledged for their efforts."

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Past winners have included people like Deacon Felix “Tito” Miranda and Cynthia Green. Deacon Miranda was honored for his on-call support of families whose babies are born prematurely. Ms. Green was recognized for her 45 years of service as a public health advocate for the vulnerable populations of Atlantic County.

“The common thread among all Pacera Award recipients is service to maternal and child health in South Jersey,” says Donlen, “and there are many different ways they have found to do this.”

“If you know someone working every day to make South Jersey a healthier place, nominate them for the Joseph A. Pacera Award,” says Donlen. “Help us honor your unsung hero and the work they’re doing to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.”

For more information on the Pacera Award, or to nominate your candidate, visit snjpc.org or e-mail pacera@snjpc.org. All entries must be received by **Thursday, March 26, 2009**.

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The Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative (SNJPC) is the state-licensed, non-profit, maternal-child health consortium serving the seven southernmost counties of New Jersey. SNJPC programs and services are dedicated to improving health outcomes for mothers and babies in South Jersey. For more information about the Cooperative or its services, call 856-665-6000 or visit snjpc.org.

The Joseph A. Pacera Award for Service to Maternal and Child Health in South Jersey celebrates those who make South Jersey healthier for pregnant women and their children. For 13 years, SNJPC has honored ordinary people (or agencies) whose extraordinary work helps growing families lead healthier lives. The Pacera Award recognizes those doing such work quietly and without expectation. It includes a \$1,000 contribution by SNJPC to a charity of the recipient’s choice.